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HARZ, et al.

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For: POLYMER-COATED, GRANULATED  
ENZYME-CONTAINING FEED ADDITIVES  
AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION  
THEREOF

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.